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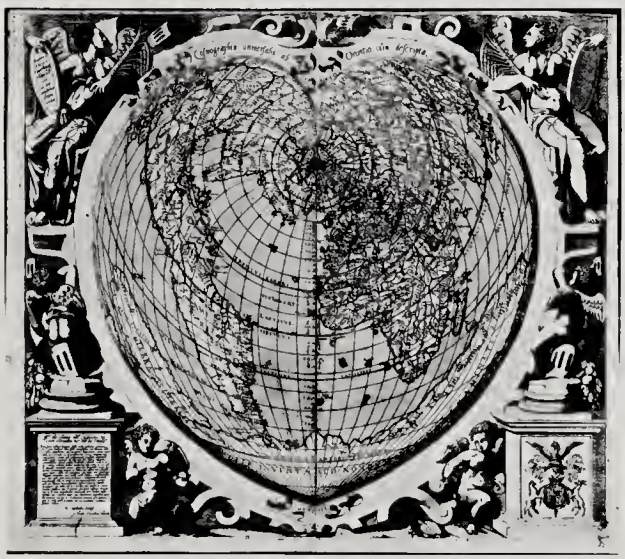

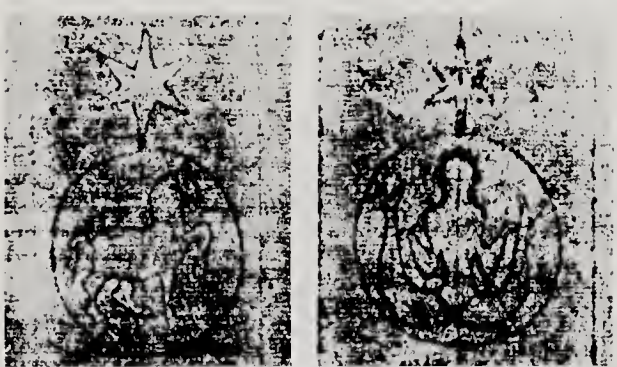

World map by Cimerlino, 1566 (Courtesy The Newberry Library) and two watermarks in the Sotheby atlas.

The recent sale of a Venetian composite atlas of the sixteenth-century for £140,000 + £14,000 premium (approximately $350,000) confirms further the importance of this neglected chapter in the history of cartography. The atlas was sold at Sotheby Parke-Bernet on 15 April 1980 to a private collector in England. Before it was sold, I had the opportunity of cataloguing the sixteenth-century portion of the atlas in detail and photographing about 1100 watermarks using the Ilkley process (a simple contact printing technique using a 15 watt light bulb and high-speed graphic arts film). The process is fast and harmless to the document, but suffers from the drawback that the engraved detail is not omitted from the print and may sometimes seriously obscure the watermark.

The atlas consists of a core of sixteenth-century maps inlaid in extended margins or marginal strips and 72 seventeenth-century additions, all but nine of which are bound in. The watermark evidence is crucial to establishing the date and place of assemblage, which was concluded to be Venice, ca. 1570. The key marks, illustrated here, are the siren-in-circle and horse-in-circle, which are found respectively on the two sheets of the map of the world on a cordiform projection by Giovanni Paolo Cimerlino engraved in 1566. The siren watermark can be confidently identified as of Venetian origin, and its association with the horse mark on the Cimerlino map would suggest that the horse is also Venetian. This is the only map in which the horse mark appears, but it occurs in the marginal strips with great frequency. One can therefore assume that the core of the atlas was assembled with the extended margins in a Venetian shop, probably in 1570, the date of the last map that has such margins.

This atlas is one of many being studied to reconstruct the map trades of Venice and Rome in the sixteenth century using primarily physical evidence in association with archival and historical sources where available. The first phase of the project involves detailed cataloguing and watermark photography and radiography; about 600 such exposures have so far been completed. It is hoped that, by establishing a detailed chronology for sixteenth-century Italian printed

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The Hermon Dunlap Smith Center for the History of Cartography Director: **David Woodward**

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Research Notes

Douglas W. Marshall of the William L. Clements Library, The University of Michigan--Ann Arbor has been awarded a senior Fulbright lectureship to the University of Helsinki for 1980-81 in the history of cartography. His research interest will focus on the historiography of cartography and A. E. Nordenskiöld's contribution to it.

Summer Institute

A three-week Summer Institute in the principles, history, use and creation of maps will take place at the Newberry from July 14 to August 1, 1980. This is the first year the Newberry's Cartographic Center has offered a summer program, funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The purpose of the institute is to encourage the improvement of college and university teaching in the humanities through the use of maps.

Twenty faculty members in the humanities and social sciences and ten college and university map librarians, all from US institutions, will be attending the seminar. All participants will receive a $1,000 stipend from the National Endowment for the Humanities to cover the cost of attendance.

There will be four 15-hour courses: the history and principles of cartography, and the use and evaluation of maps in historical research are mandatory; historical map and atlas making, and antiquarian map librarianship are elective courses.

The faculty will be: David Woodward, Director; Michael Conzen (University of Chicago); Adele Hast, John Long, and Robert W. Karrow, Jr. (all from the Newberry Library). The thirty participants from seventeen states were chosen from eighty-seven applications from faculty in several disciplines and librarians.

List of participants

John D. Burlinson, University of Texas at Austin; Susan L. Danforth, John Carter Brown Library; Marvin William Falk, University of Alaska--Fairbanks; Myrna D. Fleming, University of Southern California; David A. Lundquist, University of California--Davis; Rosanna Miller, Arizona State University; John Newman, Colorado State University; Johnnie David Sutherland, University of Georgia--Athens; Karyl Anne Tonge, Stanford University; John Van Balen; University of South Dakota; Hugh F. Bell, University of Massachusetts; John V. Bergen, Western Illinois University; Barbara Tiberio Brown, SUNY at Binghamton; Rand Burnette, MacMurray College; Allen D. Bushong, University of South Carolina; David D. Daniels, Central Missouri State University; John T. Dunne, University of LaVerne; Bruce Fetter, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Robert Bruce Flanders, Southwest Missouri State University; Jo N. Hays, Loyola University; Marcus E. Jones, Morris Brown College; Matt S. Meier, University of Santa Clara; Neil J. O'Connell, Fisk University; Joanne M. Perry, Oregon State University; Carl F. Petry, Northwestern University; Milton D. Rafferty, Southwest Missouri State University; Dennis Reinhartz, University of Texas at Arlington; Ryan Rudnicki, State University College; J. A. Thompson, University of Kentucky; Judith A. Tyner, California State University.

Chicago Map Society

The Chicago Map Society held its annual business meeting on March 20 at the Newberry Library. The principal item of business was the election of officers for 1980-81. Marsha Selmer, University of Illinois--Chicago Circle succeeds John Long as President of the Society. Jerry Jones of the Rand McNally Bookstore was elected Vice President. Adele Hast and Helen Brooks, both of the Newberry Library, will serve as Secretary-Treasurer and Recording Secretary, respectively.

On Saturday, May 8 eight members of the Chicago Map Society ventured to Kettle Moraine State Forest in southeastern Wisconsin to learn the finer points of map reading in the field. Led by Jim Marshall, a civil engineer, the group found their way across the rolling glacial topography using compasses and USGS quads. Shown a point on the map, the intrepid hikers would locate the feature in the field using topographical and cultural features to guide them. All eight made their way back to the starting point, despite a sidetrack here and there.

At the May 15 meeting of the Map Society, following his talk entitled "Cartographic Truth", David Woodward was presented with an outstanding achievement award in recognition of his contributions to the Society and to the education of cartophiles.

Ottawa Map Society

The Ottawa Map Society held its first meeting on January 31, 1980 at the home of M. and Mme. Jacques Filion. Fifteen people attended, including map curators, dealers, collectors, and others. Jacques Filion, a collector of New France maps, discussed his map collecting and gave a detailed guided tour of the principal items in his collection, explaining their place in the history of the cartography of New France.

A second meeting of the Society was hosted by the National Map Collection on February 28. Betty Kidd, the Director of the Collection, Ed Dahl, Nadia Kazmyra-Dzioba and Louis Cardinal organized a display and commented on the most significant and interesting of the Collection's recent acquisitions, including Ptolemy's *Geographicae Enarrationis Libri Octo*, dated 1535, and a 1612 Italian edition of Ortelius' *Theatro del Mondo* in full contemporary colour. A selection of original sixteenth-century maps and atlases was also featured.

The topics of interest to the Society include the mapping of specific geographic areas (Arctic, Northwest Coast, local mapping), individual cartographers (an evening focusing on Des Barres and *The Atlantic Neptune* is planned), and the mapping of a particular period. Subjects such as paper-making, early surveying methods, Canadian map production, map conservation, "the economics of map collection," and globes were also suggested. The Society hopes to spend an evening in the near future with an Ottawa artist whose printing press could be used to make some impressions from eighteenth-century copper plates in the National Map Collection.

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Please contact Edward H. Dahl, National Map Collection, Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa, Canada, K1A ON3, if you have any information about the present location of the map.

Vale atque Ave

The second Director of the Hermon Dunlap Smith Center will be Dr. David Buisseret. Dr. Buisseret comes to the Newberry Library after teaching history at the University of West Indies (Jamaica campus) since 1964, where he is now Professor of History. His degrees are from Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, where he was awarded the Ph. D. in 1961. His background and publications are largely in the field of European (especially French) history, and, more recently, in Caribbean history. He has long been aware of the value of maps in historical research, and has taught map-interpretation to historians for the last seven years. Among his numerous books and articles, his published research on the engineer-cartographers of Henry IV (ca. 1590-1610) in the *Bulletin de la section de géographie* (Ministère de l'Education Nationale) 77 (1964): 13-84 reflects his early interest and expertise in the history of cartography and the links between cartography and the Humanities. We wish him and his family the very best when they come to Chicago in the Fall.

The Nebenzahl Prize

The Nebenzahl Prize was established in 1978 by the Hermon Dunlap Smith Center for the History of Cartography at The Newberry Library to encourage independent scholarly research in the history of cartography. The prize is awarded for an original, scholarly, book-length manuscript on any aspect of the history of cartography and is separate and distinct from the Kenneth Nebenzahl, Jr., Lectures in the History of Cartography that have been held at The Newberry Library since 1966. The competition for the prize is held annually, but there is no award in those years when the prize committee judges that none of the manuscripts submitted to it is worthy of the prize.

The winning author receives a cash award of (U.S.) $1,500.00 from a fund established by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nebenzahl, and the winning manuscript will be published by the University of Chicago Press in the publication series of the Hermon Dunlap Smith Center for the History of Cartography.

Eligibility

Competition for the prize is open to all except members of the prize committee and staffs of The Newberry Library and the University of Chicago Press. Authors submit their manuscripts with the understanding that the Hermon Dunlap Smith Center has exclusive claim to publication of the winning work.

Style

Each manuscript must be written in English on letter-size paper (approximately 8 1/2" x 11") and be double spaced throughout, including all notes and quotations. A typed original is most desirable but a clean electrostatic copy on bond paper will be acceptable, if necessary. Notes should be separately organized and numbered by chapter and collected together at the end of the manuscript. The author is responsible for selecting illustrations and obtaining all necessary permissions before submitting the manuscript. The most recent edition of the Manual of Style of the University of Chicago Press will be the authority for style for text, notes and bibliography.

The finished manuscript should be sent to the Director, Hermon Dunlap Smith Center for the History of Cartography, The Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton Street, Chicago, IL 60610.

The deadline for the submission of manuscripts, determined by the postmark on the manuscript package, is 15 August (15 July for overseas mail), although the author may submit a manuscript any time before then. The author should send a separate letter to inform the director of the Center that a manuscript has been submitted. The winner will be determined by 15 December.

Selection

The winning manuscript will be selected by a committee of five persons: the director of the Hermon Dunlap Smith Center, an editor from the University of Chicago Press, and three independent judges. The director of the Center and the editor from the press will read each manuscript and make a preliminary judgment. Those manuscripts winning preliminary approval will be read by the other members of the prize committee. Unsuccessful manuscripts will be returned to their authors as soon as the decision is made not to accept them.

Recent Publications

Carl Ritter in seiner Zeit, 1779-1859: Austellung der Staatsbibliothek Preuss. Kulturbesitz / Lothar Zögner. -- Berlin: Staatsbibliothek Preuss. Kulturbesitz, 1979 (DM 27, Dr. L. Reichert, Publ., Reisstrasse D-63 Wiesbaden)

Christopher Saxton: Elizabethan mapmaker / Ifor M. Evans and Heather Lawrence. -- Wakefield, England: Wakefield Historical Publications, Seckar House, Seckar Lane, Woolley, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, England)

The cosmographical glass: Renaissance diagrams of the universe / S. K. Heninger, Jr. -- San Marino, CA: The Huntington Library, 1977 ($17.50, The Huntington Library, San Marino, CA 91108)

County atlases of the British Isles 1579-1850 / R.A. Skelton, comp. -- London: Dawson, 1978 (£15, Wm. Dawson & Sons Ltd., Cannon House, Folkestone, Kent, England)

Directory of contemporary cartographic research / prepared by the Cartography Division of the American Congress of Surveying and Mapping. -- Falls Church, VA: ACSM, 1980 ($5.00, ACSM, 210 Little Falls Street, Falls Church, VA 22046)

"The Erskine-DeWitt maps" / John P. Snyder. In *Surveying and Mapping*, vol. 39 (1979) pp. 33-48.

"Geology and landscape painting in nineteenth century England" / Marcia Pointon. In *Images of the earth: essays in the history of the environmental sciences* / L.J. Jordanova and Roy S. Porter, eds. -- Chalfont St. Ciles, Buck, England: British Society for the History of Science, 1979 (£5.95, British Society for the History of Science, Halfpenny Furze, Mill Lane, Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks, England HP8 4NR)

Index to early twentieth century city plans appearing in guidebooks ... / Harold M. Otness. -- Santa Cruz, CA: Western Association of Map Libraries, 1978.

"The Kansas pocket map, the cartographer's orphan" / Michael Heaston. In *The Yale University Library Gazette* 54 (April 1980) pp. 168-181.

Lexicon der Kartographie / Werner Witt. -- Vienna: Deuticke, 1979 (DM 250, Deuticke, Franz, A-1101 Wien, Helferstorfer Str 4, Postf 761)

Literary landscapes of the British Isles - a narrative atlas / David Daiches and John Flower. -- New York and London: Paddington Press Ltd, 1979 (£6.50, Paddington Press Ltd., 21 Bentinck St., London, W1M 5RL)

London &c., actually survey'd and a Prospect of London and Westminster taken at several stations to the southward thereof by William Morgen / Ralph Hyde, ed. -- London: Harry Margary and the Cuildhall Library, 1977 (£10 loose sheets; £16 pbk; £27 cloth; Harry Margary, Lympne Castle, Hythe, Kent, England)

The map librarian in the modern world: essays in honour of Walter W. Ristow / Helen Wallis and Lothar Zögner, eds. -- Munich: K. C. Saur, 1979 ($26.00, K.G. Saur Publishing, Inc., 175 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10010)

North America from earliest discovery to first settlement: the Norse Voyages to 1612 / David B. Quinn. -- New York: Harper and Row, 1977. ($15.00, Harper & Row Pubs., Inc., 10 E. 53rd St., New York, NY 10022)

Nova Albion map / Michael W. Creen. -- Oakland, CA: Oakland Museum, 1979 ($100.00, History Cuild, Oakland Museum Association, The Oakland Museum, 1000 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94607) *Finely printed decorative map in recognition of Drake quadricentennial. Edition limited to 1000 copies.*

"Our heritage of maps on Canadian stamps" / Norman L. Nicholson. In *Canadian Geographic*, vol. 98 (1979) pp. 48-51.

"Periodical and serial publications on cartography" / K. A. Salichtchev. In *The Canadian Cartographer*, vol. 16 (December 1979) pp. 109-132.

Planning the past: historical landscape, resources and recreation / Robert M. Newcomb. -- Kent, England: Dawson; Hamden, CT: Archon Books, 1979 ($17.50, The Shoe String Press, Inc., P.O. Box 4327, 995 Sherman Ave.,'Hamden, CT 06514)

Preussen im Kartenbild / Austellung des Ceheimen Staatsarchivs und der Staatsbibliothek Preussischer Kulturbesitz. -- Berlin: Ceheimes Staatsarchiv Preussischer Kulturbesitz, 1979 (n.p., Ceheimes Staatsarchiv Preussischer Kulturbesitz, Archivstrasse 12-14, 1000 Berlin 33) *Exhibition catalogue.*

"A previously unrecorded late restrike of the Ratzer map" / Paul F. Cranefield. In *Bulletin* of the New York Academy of Medicine, vol. 55 (July-August 1979) pp. 724-729.

"Wandkaarten der Nederlanden uit de 16e en 17e eeuw" / G. Schilder. In *Kartografisch Tijdschrift*, vol. 5, (1979) pp. 23-32.

"Wie alt sind die Begriffe Karte und Kartographie?" / K.A. Salichtchev. In *Petermanns Geographische Mitteilungen*, vol. 123 (1979), pp. 65-68.

Surveyors and statesmen : Land measuring in colonial Virginia / Sarah S. Hughes. -- Richmond : Virginia Surveyors Foundation and Virginia Association of Surveyors, 1979 ($25 + $2 shipping, handling & insurance, Virginia Surveyors Foundation Ltd., 6001 Lakeside Ave., Richmond, VA 23223)

Exhibitions

Three exhibitions on cartography and geography will be held in conjunction with the 10th International Conference of the International Cartographic Association, Tokyo.

International Exhibition, Kagaku-Gijutsukan [Science Museum]. Themes: thematic maps and atlases, experimental maps and maps for the future, recent literature on cartography.

Japanese National Exhibition, Kokuritsu Kokkai Toshokan [National Diet Library]. Theme: recent and ancient maps, charts, and atlases of Japan.

Technical Exhibition, Kagaku-Cijutsukan [Science Museum]. Theme: latest equipment for education and production of cartography.

The exhibitions will run from August 25 to September 5. Further information can be obtained by writing to: Mr. Kei Kanazaura, Exhibition Committee, 10th ICA Conference 1980, c/o Japan Map Centre, Kudan Pompian Building, 88 Kudan-minami 4-chome, Chiyoda-Ku, Tokyo 102.

Calendar

4 June
Annual Map Collectors' Symposium 1980, Albany Hotel, Birmingham, England. Theme: British Maps. (Mr. Yasha Beresiner, Organizing Committee, Annual Map Collectors' Symposium, c/o Stanley Gibbons Antiquarian, 391 The Strand, London WC2R OLX).

7 June
New York Map Society. Tentative program: Picnic at Ringwood State Park and visit to Ringwood Manor where Erkskine compiled maps for George Washington. (Alice Hudson, The New York Map Society, P.O. Box 426, Rye, NY 10580)

8-13 June
Special Libraries Association Annual Conference, Washington Hilton & Shoreham Americana Hotels, Washington, D.C.

28 June
Wisconsin Map Society Annual Meeting, Science Hall, 550 N. Park St., University of Wisconsin--Madison. (Wisconsin Map Society, c/o Virginia Schwartz, Milwaukee Public Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53233)

28 June-4 July
American Library Association Annual Conference, New York Coliseum, Sheraton Centre, New York Hilton, New York. (Conference Registration American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611)

25 August-1 September
10th International Conference on Cartography and 6th General Assembly of the International Cartographic Association, Tokyo. (C. William Beetschen, U.S. National Committee for the ICA, 11425 Purple Beech Drive, Reston, VA 22091; (703) 860-6213)

September
New York Map Society, American Museum of Natural History. Speaker: Robert Sperling, Map Division, NYPL, "Antique maps on stamps." (Alice C. Hudson, The New York Map Society, P.O. Box 426, Rye, NY 10580)

23 November
4th Workshop on Map Libraries in the Southeast U.S. to be held in conjunction with Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Blacksburg, VA. (Donald Daidone, Newman Library, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061; (703) 961-6181)

Michigan Media (400 Fourth St., Ann Arbor, MI 48103) has produced a five-part documentary television series scheduled for release in July entitled "Maps: Horizons to Knowledge." The series includes programs on the following topics: 1) history of mapping; 2) representation of the earth on paper; 3) production and printing; 4) new technologies; and 5) collectors and collecting. The series was written and narrated by Douglas W. Marshall of the William L. Clements Library, Ann Arbor.

Hot off the press

The Chicago Map Society has issued a new edition of the most comprehensive directory of rare map dealers ever published, entitled *World Directory of Dealers in Antiquarian Maps*. This revised and enlarged edition gives information on 600 dealers in three dozen countries. Included are data on dealer specialities, shop hours, catalogs, etc. Dealers are listed geographically with a separate alphabetical index. The 48 page, illustrated directory measures 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches.

Copies are now available at only $5.00 each. Shipment by first class mail is $1.00 additional. Illinois residents kindly add 6% sales tax. Send payment (in U.S. dollars please) to: The Chicago Map Society, c/o The Newberry Library, 60 West Walton Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610, USA.

MAGERT approved

The American Library Association approved the formation of a Map and Geography Round Table in January. The purposes of the Map and Geography Round Table (hereafter MAGERT) as stated in its constitution, are: "to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas by persons working with map and geography collections; to provide a forum to increase the availability, use and bibliographic control of map and geography collections; to increase communication and cooperation between map and geography librarians and other librarians; and to contribute to the improvement of education and training of map and geography librarians." Membership in MAGERT is open to any member of the ALA and costs $7.00 per year.

Organizational and program meetings will be held at ALA's annual conference in New York City. Scheduled papers are as follows:

David A. Cobb, Map and Geography Library, University of Illinois--Urbana. "What is the Map and Geography Round Table?" Followed by an organizational meeting.

William Roselle, Director of Libraries, University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee. Discussion session: "Maps in Libraries: An Overview."

Jim Minton, Map Librarian, University of Michigan--Ann Arbor. "The OCLC Map Users' Group: Using It More than Maps."

Theresa Marquez, Government Publications Department, University of New Mexico--Alburquerque. "Government Publications for the Map Room."

June Harris, Map Librarian, Detroit Public Library. "Maps in Public Libraries."

Mary Larsgaard, Map Librarian, Colorado School of Mines, Golden CO. "Cartographic Materials for Energy Research."

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